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FOR HICOM FROM AMB. ROSENBLATT

1. I RESPOND TO YOUR REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON KABUA'S

PROPOSAL FOR A HONOLULU MEETING ON THE HANDEL DRIBO MATTER. MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE PRE-MATURE SINCE THE TASK FORCE ON LAND ISSUES IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING AN OVERALL APPROACH TO THE KWAJALEIN LAND QUESTION AND PLANS A TRIP TO MICRONESIA IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MARSHALLESE ON THE ENTIRE PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE DRIBO CLAIMS. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE DRIBO CASE SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF THE TASK FORCE'S EFFORT.

2. I UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE WITH DRIBO, HOWEVER, AND TAKE HIS DECISION TO VACATE OMELEK AS BOTH A GESTURE OF

GOOD WILL ON HIS PART AND THE RESULT OF A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY KABUA. HENCE, IF SOME MEANS CAN BE FOUND TO RECIPROCATATE THE GESTURE BY ADVANCING HIM SOME MONEY SUCH AS KABUA'S REPORTED PROPOSAL FOR A \$20,000 LOAN, THIS WOULD BE A HIGHLY DESIRABLE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MOVE IN MY VIEW.

3. I DON'T KNOW HOW SERIOUSLY TO TAKE KABUA'S REPORTED ENDORSEMENT OF DRIBO'S \$220,000 DEMAND IN LIGHT OF GEORGE ALLEN'S DECISION TO RECOMMEND TO HIS CLIENT THAT HE SETTLE FOR \$100,000, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. ALLEN AND KABUA WILL PRESUMABLY NOT HAVE MET UNTIL TOMORROW IN SAN DIEGO
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AND I TRUST THEY WILL DISCLOSE THEIR POSITIONS TO ME THERE AND THEN. I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR REACTION TO THIS MESSAGE SO THAT IT CAN FIGURE INTO MY TALKS WITH KABUA AND ALLEN WHEN, AS THEY INEVITABLY WILL, THEY RAISE THIS ISSUE.

4. PLEASE ADDRESS ANY RESPONSE TO COMNAVBASE, SAN DIEGO CA FOR DELIVERY TO AMB. ROSENBLATT AT SHERATON HARBOR ISLAND HOTEL AS WELL AS OMSN WASH.

REGARDS. CHRISTOPHER

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